GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2564
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007
SWAPPING OF RAIL LINKS IN ASSAM
Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Railways had convened a high level meeting to formulate an action plan to tackle the situation arising out of the swapping of rail links in Lumding section and other sections of North Eastern (NE) Railway, during rainy and flooding season in Assam and other parts of the NE Railway;

(b): if so, the details and the cost of the action plan formulated; and

(c): the steps taken/being taken to implement the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2564 BY SHRI M. K. SUBBA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING SWAPPING OF RAIL LINKS IN ASSAM.

(a): Railways are already seized of the problem as the Lumding section and other sections of North Eastern region gets frequently swapped during floods. It is observed that this problem is particularly on meter gauge section. During gauge conversion of the sections, it is being taken care that swapping of rail links is avoided as much as possible except in cases of unprecedented rainfall and floods.

(b): Since the measures taken becomes a part of gauge conversion programme, therefore, separate details and cost are not maintained.

(c): Already covered in reply (a) & (b) above.